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SUBJECT: FMS CASH SALE REQUEST

REFS: COMUS, MILGP COSTA RICA 24 JAN 2230Z AND USCINCSO 29 JAN 2217Z

1. ON FEB 11, COSTA RICAN CHARGE DELIVERED LETTER TO ARA/CEN WHICH ENCLOSED REQUEST FROM MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY CHARPENTIER FOR 6,000 30 CALIBER M-1 CARBINES AS FMS CASH SALE, AS INDICATED IN REFERENCES MESSAGES.
CHARPENTIER LETTER ALSO REQUESTED ADDITIONAL MATERIAL AS FOLLOWS: (2) 15,000 MAGAZINES, (3) 1,500,000 BULLETS FOR THESE CARBINES, (4) 1,000 BAYONETS WITH THEIR CORRESPONDING SCABBARDS, (5) 1,000 ANTI-GAS MASKS, (6) 500 FILTERS FOR ANTI-GAS MASKS, (7) 500 UNITS OF CHEMICAL AGENTS (CAN-TYPE CS-CSCN), (8) 1,000 UNITS OF CHEMICAL AGENTS (CS)(BASEBALL TYPE), (9) 250 37MM PROJECTILES FOR PISTOLS (150 YARD RANGE), (10) 250 37 MM PROJECTILES FOR PISTOLS (75 YARD RANGE), (11) '5,000 FRAGMENTATION HAND GRENADES, CONFIDENTIAL

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(12) 250 SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS FOR GARAND M-1 RIFLE TO

LAUNCH FRAGMENTATION GRENADES, AND (13) 2,000 SPECIAL CARTRIDGES FOR GARAND M-1 RIFLE TO LAUNCH GRENADES.

- 2. DEPT HAS ALREADY BEGUN PROCESSING OF REQUEST FOR 6,000 CARBINES BASED ON EARLIER MESSAGES. WE ARE ALSO PREPARED TO BEGIN PROCESSING OF ITEMS 2-6 ON ABOVE LIST. HOWEVER, WE ARE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED ABOUT INTENDED USE FOR ITEMS 11-13. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW, IN CONSULTATION WITH MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY, REASONS FOR THESE PURCHASES.
- 3. MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH OPS, HAS PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED TEAR-GAS AGENTS THROUGH COMMERCIAL DEALERS.DUE TO SENSITIVITIES IN U.S. EMBASSY REVIEW AND COMMENTS REQUESTED. INGERSOLL

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